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- Bassanio gave his ring away
Unto the judge that begg'd it; and his clerk,
That took some pains in *writing*, he begg'd mine. *Shakespeare.*
2. To play the author.
Hearts, tongues, figures, scribes, bards, poets, cannot
Think, speak, cast, write, sing, number
His love to Antony. *Shakespeare. Ant. and Cleopatra.*
There is not a more melancholy object in the learned world
than a man who has *written* himself down. *Addison.*
3. To tell in books.
I past the melancholy flood,
With that grim ferryman which poets write of. *Shakespeare. R. III.*
4. To send letters.
He wrote for all the Jews, concerning their freedom. *1 Esdr.*
5. To call one's self; to be entitled; to use the title of.
About it, and write happy when thou'lt done. *Shakespeare.*
Let it not your wonder move,
Lest your laughter that I love;
Though I now write fifty years,
I have had, and have my peers. *Ben. Jonson.*
He writes himself *divina providentia*, whereas other bishops
only use *divina permission*. *Aylmer.*
6. To compose; to form compositions.
Chaste moral *writing* we may learn from hence,
Neglect of which no wit can recompense;
The fountain which from Helicon proceeds,
That sacred stream, should never water weeds. *Waller.*
They can write up to the dignity and character of their
authors. *Felton on the Classics.*
- WRITER. *n. f.* [from *write*.]
1. One who practises the art of writing.
2. An author.
All three were ruined by justice and sentence, as delinquents;
Peaceable times are the best to live in, though not so proper
to furnish materials for a writer. *Addison's Freeholder.*
Writers are often more influenced by a desire of fame, than
a regard to the public good. *Addison's Freeholder.*
Would a writer know how to behave himself with relation to
posterity, let him consider in old books what he finds that he
is glad to know, and what omissions he most laments. *Swift.*
- TO WRITHE. *v. a.* [from *write*, Saxon.]
1. To distort; to deform with distortion.
It cannot be this weak and *writhe'd* shrimp,
Should strike such terror in his enemies. *Shakespeare. Henry VI.*
Hatefull distill'd with their jaws
With foot and cinders. *Milton.*
Her mouth the *writhe'd* her forehead taught to frown,
Her eyes to sparkle fires to love unknown:
Her fallow cheeks her envious mind did show,
And every feature spoke aloud the curtness of a shrew. *Dryden.*
2. To twist with violence.
Then Satan first knew pain,
And *writhe'd* him to and fro convolv'd. *Milton's Parad. Lost.*
Amid' the plaited scales it took its course,
And in the spinal marrow spent its force;
The monster hiss'd aloud, and rag'd in vain,
And *writhe'd* his body to and fro with pain;
He bit the dart. *Addison.*
3. To wrest; to force by violence.
The reason which he yieldeth, sheweth the least part of
his meaning to be that whereunto his words are *writhe'd*. *Hook.*
4. To twist.
The king of heav'n
Bar'd his red arm, and launching from the sky
His *writhe'd* bolt, not shaking empty smoke,
Down to the deep abyss the flaming felon brook. *Dryden.*
- TO WRITHE. *v. n.* To be convolved with agony or torture.
Let each be broken on the rack;
Then, with what life remains, impaled, and left
To *writhe* at leisure round the bloody stake. *Addison.*
- TO WRITHE. *v. a.* [from *writhe*.] To wrinkle; to corrugate.
Her *writhe'd* skin, as rough as maple rind,
So scabby was, that would have loathed all womankind. *Spenser.*
- WRITING. *n. f.* [from *write*.]
1. A legal instrument.
2. A composition; a book.
They thought no other *writings* in the world should be ru-
died, inasmuch as one of their great prophets exhorting them
to cast away all respects unto human *writings*, to his mo-
tion they condescended. *Hooker.*
Such arguments had an invincible force with those pagan
philosophers, who became Christians, as we find in most of
their *writings*. *Addison.*
3. A written paper of any kind.
In at his windows throw
Writings, all tending to the great opinion
That Rome holds of his name. *Shakespeare. Julius Caesar.*
- WRITINGMASTER. *n. f.* One who teaches to write.
The facility of which I spoke consists not in bold strokes,
if it makes not a great effect at a distance; that fort of free-
dom belongs rather to a *writingmaster* than a painter. *Dryden.*

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- WRITTEN. The participle passive of *write*.
Their doctrine and their story *written* left,
They die. *Milton.*
Language is a connexion of audible signs, the most apt in
nature for communication of our thoughts: *written* language
is a description of the said audible signs, by signs visible. *Holder.*
- WROKEN. The part. pass. of *To wreek*. *Spenser.*
- WRONG. *n. f.* [from *wrang*, Saxon.]
1. An injury; a designed or known detriment.
It is a harm, and no *wrong* which he hath received. *Sidney.*
She resolv'd to spend all her years, which her youth pro-
mised should be many, in bewailing the *wrong*, and yet praying
for the wrongdoer. *Sidney.*
If he may not command them, then that law doth *wrong*
that bindeth him to bring them forth to be justified. *Spenser.*
They ever do pretend
To have receiv'd a *wrong*, who *wrong* intend. *Daniel.*
Imitation of an author is the most advantageous way for a
translator to shew himself, but the greatest *wrong* which can be
done to the reputation of the dead. *Dryden.*
Cowley preferred a garden and a friend, to those whom in
our own *wrong* we call the great. *Dryden.*
Expecting more in my own *wrong*,
Protracting life, I've liv'd a day too long. *Dryden.*
2. Error; not right.
Be not blindly guided by the throng;
The multitude is always in the *wrong*. *Reform.*
One spoke much of right and *wrong*. *Milton.*
Proceed: quoth Dick, fir, I aver
You have already gone too far;
When people once are in the *wrong*,
Each line they add is much too long:
Who fastest walks, but walks astray,
Is only farthest from his way. *Prior.*
In the judgment of right and *wrong*, every man has a
self. *Watts's Logic.*
- WRONG. *adj.* [from the noun.]
1. Not morally right; not agreeable to propriety or truth.
I find you are an invincible Amazon, since you will over-
come, though in a *wrong* matter. *Sidney.*
We never think of the main business of life, till a vain re-
pentance minds us of it at the *wrong* end. *L'Estrange.*
When the dictates of honour are contrary to those of reli-
gion and equity, they give *wrong*, ambitious, and false ideas of
what is good and laudable. *Addison's Spectator.*
2. Not physically right; unjust; unsuitable.
Of Gloster's treachery,
And of the loyal service of his sons,
When I inform'd him, then he call'd me for,
And told me I had turn'd the *wrong* side out. *Shakespeare. K. Lear.*
Dividing a living of five hundred pounds a year into ten parts,
is a contrivance, the meaning whereof hath got on the *wrong*
side of my comprehension. *Clarissa.*
Singularity shews something *wrong* in the mind. *Clarissa.*
- WRONG. *adv.* Not rightly; amiss.
If he go *wrong*, she will give him over to his own ruin. *Edel.*
A thousand odd capricious, men's minds are acted by, may
make one man quote another man's words *wrong*. *Locke.*
Ten *wrong* *wrong*, for one that writes amiss. *Pope.*
- TO WRONG. *v. a.* [from the noun.] To injure; to use
unjustly.
So worthy a part of divine service we should greatly *wrong*,
if we did not esteem preaching as the blessed ordinance of
God. *Hooker.*
For fear the stones her tender foot should *wrong*,
Be strewed with fragrant flowers all along. *Spenser.*
Judge me, you gods! *wrong* I mine enemy? *Shakespeare.*
Thank him who puts me loath to this revenge
On you, who *wrong* me not, for him who *wrong'd* me. *Milton.*
Once more farewell!
And know thou *wrong'd* me, if thou think'st
Ever was love or ever grief like mine. *Addison.*
- WRONGDOER. *n. f.* [from *wrong* and *doer*.] An injurious person.
She resolv'd to spend all her years in bewailing the *wrong*,
and yet praying for the *wrongdoer*. *Sidney.*
If any seat be taken away by a stranger, the churchwarden
may have action against the *wrongdoer*. *Aylmer.*
- WRONGER. *n. f.* [from *wrong*.] He that injures; he that does
wrong.
Jealousy is a green-eyed monster, which doth make
The meat it feeds on: that cuckold lives in bliss,
Who, certain of his fate, loves not his *wronger*. *Shakespeare. Oth.*
Many times a prince is driven to spend far more of his trea-
sure in punishing by war the *wrongers* of his people, than the
loss of his people did amount unto. *Ralph.*
- WRONGFUL. *adj.* [from *wrong* and *ful*.] Injurious; unjust.
I am so far from granting thy request,
That I despise thee for thy *wrongful* suit. *Shakespeare.*
He that hath *wronged* in daily trade, that he knows not
in what measure he hath done it, must redeem his fault by alms,
according to the value of his *wrongful* dealing. *Taylor.*

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- Those whom forms of laws
Condemn'd to die, when traitors judg'd their cause,
Nor want they lots, nor judges to review
The *wrongful* sentence, and award a new. *Dryden.*
- WRONGFULLY. *adv.* [from *wrongful*.] Unjustly.
Dorus, said Pamela, you blame your fortune very *wrong-
fully*, since the fault is not in fortune, but in you, that can-
not frame yourself to your fortune; and as *wrongfully* do re-
quire Mopla to so great a disparagement as to her father's
servant. *Sidney.*
- This poor fellow,
He had thought to murder *wrongfully*. *Shakespeare.*
Salus then, exclaiming loud,
Urges his cause may in the court be heard,
And pleads, the prize is *wrongfully* conferr'd. *Dryden.*
I cry thee mercy, for suspecting a friar of the least good-
nature; what, would you accuse him *wrongfully*. *Dryden.*
He who suffers *wrongfully* in a man's opinion, resolves to
give him reason for his suspicion. *Spectator, N^o. 170.*
- WRONGHEAD. *i. adj.* [from *wrong* and *head*.] Having a per-
verse understanding.
Much do I suffer, much to keep in peace
This jealous, waspish, *wronghead*, rhyming race. *Pope.*
- WRONGLY. *adv.* [from *wrong*.] Unjustly; amiss.
What thou wouldst highly
That wouldst thou holily; wouldst not play false,
And yet wouldst *wrongly* win. *Shakespeare. Macbeth.*
Madmen having joined together some ideas very *wrongly*,
as men do that argue right from wrong principles. *Locke.*
- WRONGLESSLY. *adv.* [from *wrongless*.] Without injury to
any.
Deeply esteem'd of her for his exceeding good parts, being
honourably courteous, and *wronglessly* valiant, confidently
pleasant in conversation, and an excellent courtier, without
unfaithfulness. *Sidney.*
- WRONG. *pret.* and part. of *write*.
No man has the estate of his soul drawn upon his face, nor
the decree of his election *wrote* upon his forehead. He who
would know a man thoroughly, must follow him into the
closet of his heart; the inspection of which is only the pre-
rogative of omniscience. *South.*
- WRONG. *adj.* [from *wrong*, Danish.] Angry. Out of use.
The Lord said unto Cain, why art thou *wrong*? *Gen. iv.*
Thou hast rejected us; thou art very *wrong* against us. *La.*
- WRONG. *progs.* Saxon. The pret. and part. pass. as it
seems, of *work*; as the Dutch *werken*, makes *gerocht*.]
1. Effected; performed.
Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath *wrought* a good
work upon me. *Matt. xxvi. 10.*
He that doth truth, cometh to the light, that his deeds
may be made manifest, that they are *wrought* in God. *John iii.*
The Jews wanted not power and ability to have convinced
the world of the falsehood of these miracles, had they never
been *wrought*. *Stephens's Sermons.*
2. Influenced; prevailed on.
Had I thought the sight of my poor image
Would thus have *wrought* you, for the stone is mine,
I'd not have shew'd it. *Shakespeare.*
Nor number, nor example with him *wrought*
To swerve from truth. *Milton.*
Do not I know him? could his brutal mind
Be *wrought* upon? could he be just or kind? *Dryden.*
This Artemisa, by her charms,
And all her sex's cunning, *wrought* the king. *Rowe.*
3. Produced; caused.
All his good prov'd ill in me,
And *wrought* but malice. *Milton.*
They *wrought* by their faithfulness the publick safety. *Dryden.*
This *wrought* the greatest confusion in the unbelieving
Jews, and the greatest conviction in the Gentiles, who every
where speak with astonishment of these truths they met with
in this new magazine of learning, which was opened. *Addison.*
4. Worked; laboured.
They that *wrought* in silver, and whose works are unsearch-
able, are gone down to the grave. *Bar. iii. 18.*

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- Moses and Eleazar took the gold, even all *wrought*
jewels. *Num. xvi. 22.*
- What might be *wrought*
Fulfil, or graven in metal. *Milton.*
5. Gained; attained.
We ventur'd on such dang'rous seas,
That if we *wrought* out life, 'twas ten to one. *Shakespeare.*
6. Operated.
Such another field
They dreaded worse than hell: so much the fear
Of thunder, and the sword of Michael,
Wrought still within them. *Milton.*
His too eager love
Has made him busy to his own destruction.
His threats have *wrought* this change of mind in Pyrrhus.
Philips's Disress'd Mother.
7. Worked.
Take an heifer which hath not been *wrought* with, and
which hath not drawn in the yoke. *Deut. xxi. 3.*
As infection from body to body is received many times by
the body passive, yet is it by the good disposition thereof re-
pulsed and *wrought* out, before it be formed in a disease. *Bacon.*
8. Actuated.
Vain Morat, by his own rashness *wrought*,
Too soon discover'd his ambitious thought;
Believ'd me his, before I spoke him fair,
And pitch'd his head into the ready snare. *Dryden.*
9. Manufactured.
It had been no less a breach of peace to have *wrought* any
mine of his, than it is now a breach of peace, to take a
town of his in Guiana, and burn it. *Raleigh.*
Celestiall panoply, divinely *wrought*. *Milton.*
10. Formed.
He that hath *wrought* us for the same thing, is God. *2 Cor.*
11. Excited by degrees.
The two friends had *wrought* themselves to such an habi-
tual tenderness for the children under their direction, that
each of them had the real passion of a father. *Addison.*
Advantage was taken of the sanguine temper which so
many succedees had *wrought* the nation up to. *Swift.*
12. Guided; managed.
A ship by skilful steersman *wrought*. *Milton.*
13. Agitated; disturbed.
We stay upon your leisure.—
—Give me your favour: my dull brain was *wrought*
With things forgot. *Shakespeare. Macbeth.*
- WRUNG. The pret. and part. passive of *wring*.
No mortal was ever so much at ease, but his shoe *wrong*
him somewhere. *L'Estrange.*
Mix'd with the tender arguist nature shoots
Through the *wrong* bosom of the dying man. *Thomson.*
- WRY. *adj.* [from *writhe*.]
1. Crooked; deviating from the right direction.
Sometimes to her news of myself to tell
I go about, but then is all my best
Wry words, and flamm'ring, or else doltish dumb;
Say then, can this but of enchantment come? *Sidney.*
Cutting the wry neck is never to be practis'd, but when the
disorder is a contraction of the masticoides muscle. *Sharp.*
2. Distorted.
It is but a kick with thy heels, and a wry mouth, and Sir
Roger will be with thee. *Arbutnot.*
Instructive work! whose wry-mouth'd portraiture
Display'd the fates her confessors endure. *Pope.*
3. Wring; perverted; wrested.
He mangles and puts a wry sense upon protestant writers. *Att.*
- TO WRY. *v. n.* [from the adjective.] To be contorted and
writhe'd; to deviate from the right direction.
These wry too much on the right hand, ascribing to the
holy scripture such kind of perfection as it cannot have. *Sand.*
- TO WRY. *v. a.* [from the adjective.] To make to deviate;
to distort.
To what pails are our minds brought, that from the right
line of virtue are *wry'd* to these crooked shifts? *Sidney.*

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Is a letter, which, though found in Saxon words, begins no word in the English language.

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